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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 08/07/2003. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

### ***Drawings***

2. The drawings submitted on 08/07/2003 have been approved by the examiner.

### ***Specification***

3. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: Specification does not provide sufficient antecedent basis for removing an address range and removing a segment in claims 5 and 6, respectively, casting out a snoop directory entry in claim 5, or locking and unlocking the timer counter, the first refill counter, and the second refill counter in claim 13.

Applicant should update status of case 10/403,157 cited in ¶2 line 1 of application for patent.

### ***Claim Objections***

4. Claims 2 - 4 and 10 - 16 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 2 is objected to because of the following informalities: Line 1 of claim 2 reads, "...further comprising comprising the steps..." Use of "comprising" here is repetitive.

Claim 10 is objected to because of the following informalities: Line 8 reads "...control capable making a..." Examiner suggests "...control capable of making a..."

All dependent claims are objected to as having the same deficiencies as the claim they depend from.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claims 3 – 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Claim 3 reads "...the steps of increasing the first portion and the second portion of the memory directory changes the first portion and the second portion by not more than a predetermined fraction of the directory memory." Finiteness of cache memory precludes increasing both the first and second portion simultaneously.

Claim 4 rejected for the same deficiencies as claim 3 which it depends from.

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claim 6 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 6 recites, "...removing a segment of a current address range of the first portion of the directory memory..." This is ambiguous in that it is unclear if the address range is a cache address range to be reallocated or if the address range refers to main memory locations to be remapped into new cache locations.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

9. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. A computer program product not embodied in a computer readable medium is unpatentable subject matter.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

10. Claims 1 – 2, 5, 7 – 16, and 18 are allowable over the prior art. Claims 2 and 10 - 16 are objected as set forth above.

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US 6901485 – Arimilli et al.

US 6662216 – Arimilli et al.

US 6480941 – Franke et al.

US 6457100 – Ignatowski et al.

US 6470442 – Arimilli et al.

US 5946709 – Arimilli et al.

US 6725336 – Cherabuddi et al.

US 2003/0019913 – Shimizu et al.

US 6,725,344 – Pawlowski et al.

US 6560674 – Hosogi et al.

US 6516387 – Auracher

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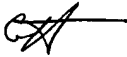
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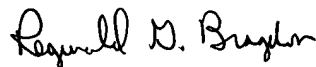
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